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Electronic Settlement Method, Storage Medium  
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Applicants are in receipt of the Office Action dated March 22, 2007, requiring a response to an election/restriction requirement.

The Examiner indicated that the patent application contains claims directed to the following alleged patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

- Group I: 1<sup>st</sup> aspect of the invention, providing an electronic settlement apparatus specified in paragraph 07, drawn to a "transferor specification data that specifies the first user transferee specification data that specifies a second user".
- Group II: 2<sup>nd</sup> aspect of the invention, providing an electronic settlement apparatus specified in paragraph 13, drawn to a "request generation of inquiry data".